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FOR:

USE OF L-ISOASPARTYL METHYLTRANSFERASE AS

LONGEVITY MARKER IN SEEDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.